GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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NATURAL CALAMITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has now decided to become a member of the Consortium of the countries for ascertaining in advance the occurrence of natural calamities like sea tides and earthquake; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government on their own level in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): The country already has Early Warning Systems for cyclones and for monitoring of seismic activity. The India Meteorological Department is the nodal agency for this purpose. The Government has now decided to set up an Early Warning System for Tsunami, and the Department of Ocean Development has been identified as the nodal agency. Technical know how and information sharing are a part of the collaborative arrangement with International agencies in the filed.